

REMARKS

Claims 4-16 are of record in the application.

Claim 11 is proposed to be amended and claims 12 and 13 proposed to be canceled.

In the invention of the application (see page 4, line 18+), there is (see Fig. 8) a panel 18. Each panel has an inner skin 26 and a parallel outer skin 28, with a space between the skins.

Referring to Figs. 1 and 6, a panel 18 has a ventilation opening formed by a perforated ventilation section 40 in each of the inner 26 and outer 28 skins. The ventilation sections in the parallel skins are in-line and opposing. Each ventilation section 40 of each skin has a plurality of openings 42 in rows and columns. Basically, the openings form a grille.

Referring to page 4, line 27, the openings 42 of each of the opposing ventilation sections 40 are in-line. This permits direct view into the enclosure, head on, but blocks view when the viewer moves to the side.

Applicant's attorney, Gordon D. Coplein refers to the telephone interview with the Examiner on September 12, 2003. A proposed amended main claim 11 was discussed, which combined the subject matter of claims 12 and 13 with main claim 11. The Examiner stated that he would maintain the rejection on the subject matter directed to the embodiment of claim 12, wherein the openings 42 in the opposing ventilation sections (grille) 40 were offset. No definitive conclusion was reached with respect to the other embodiment of claim 13, wherein the openings 42 are in-line. The Examiner also suggested that the language of the main claim be amended to provide a better frame of reference for the openings 42. The proposed amendment to claim 11 now recites that the openings 42 are in the parallel skin of the opposing, in-line ventilation sections of the panel.

The claims of the application stand rejected over Gavin, et al., U.S. 4,843,788 in view of Schulz, U.S. 4,550,545. Gavin is directed to the basic structure of the enclosure. Schulz (Fig. 5) is relied on to show a ventilation opening in opposing panels formed to ventilation sections considered to be the spaced openings 12 and 15.

In Schulz, there are spaced metal sheets 11 and 14. Sheet 11 has vertical openings 12 and sheet 14 has vertical openings 15. There are horizontal waveguides (rectangular tubes) 19 in parallel on the inside of sheet 11 transverse to and between the openings 12 and 15.

Referring to Fig. 6, air enters an opening 12 in the sheet 11, then flows into the waveguides 19, passes along the horizontal length of each waveguide, and then exits the waveguide through the openings 15 in sheet 11.

In Schulz, ventilation sections are not opposed and in-line on the skins of a panel. The ventilation sections 12 and 15 are staggered. The sections 12 and 15 of Schulz also do not have the openings 42 (grille) that are in-line.

Clearly, Schulz does not teach or suggest an arrangement wherein there is a ventilation opening formed by in-line opposing ventilation sections in the parallel skins of a panel and in which each ventilation section also has a plurality of openings (42) with the openings 42 also being in-line.

The foregoing claimed arrangement is different from Schulz and has advantages thereover. Accordingly, claim 11 and the remaining claims, all of which depend from claim 11, are patentable and should be allowed.

The amendment should be entered since it clearly places the application in condition for allowance. It raises no new issues. It merely combines the subject matter of several of the claims.

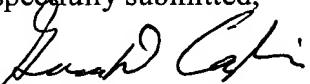
If the amendment is not entered as placing the application in condition for allowance, then its entry is requested for purposes of appeal.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

Prompt and favorable action is requested.

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PENDING CLAIMS

Claims 1-3 (canceled).

4. (Previously presented) A security locker as in claim 11 wherein said ceiling comprises at least one panel formed by opposing skins each having a ventilation opening therein.

5. (Previously presented) A security locker as in claim 11 wherein said side walls and said end walls are each formed by respective panels and further comprising a plurality of support members connected between the upper ends of said side panels and said end panels, and said ceiling formed by a plurality of panels supported by said support members.

6. (Previously presented) A security locker as in claim 11 further comprising at least one equipment mounting station connected between the floor and said ceiling.

7. (Previously presented) A security locker as in claim 5 wherein each of said ceiling panels is formed by opposing skins, each having at least one of said ceiling panels having a ventilation opening therein.

8. (Currently amended) A security locker as in claim 7 wherein there is a ventilation opening formed by an in-line ventilation section in each of the opposed skins of said at least one ceiling panel that comprises a plurality of openings.

9. (Previously presented) A security locker as in claim 8 wherein said plurality of openings in one said skin forming said ventilation section are spaced apart and are offset from the openings of the opposing skin ventilation section to restrict viewing into the interior of the locker.

10. (Previously presented) A security locker as in claim 9 further comprising at least one equipment mounting station connected between the floor and said ceiling.

11. (Currently amended) A security locker comprising:

a pair of opposing side walls and a pair of opposing end walls each extending upwardly from a floor with said end walls and side walls connected together at the ends thereof, at least one of said side walls and said end walls formed by at least one panel having spaced parallel skins;

a ventilation opening formed in the parallel skins of said at least one panel by a ventilation section in each skin, the said ventilation section of said ventilation opening being in-line and opposing in an upper part of each of said skins of said at least one panel with the space between said parallel skins being open in the area of said opposing ventilation sections, wherein

each said opposing ventilation section of said ventilation opening is formed by a plurality of openings in the skin of each said ventilation section, and wherein said plurality of openings in one said skin forming said ventilation section of one skin are in-line with the openings of the opposing ventilation section of the other skin, and

a ceiling disposed on the upper ends of said side walls and end walls, said ceiling having a plurality of ventilation openings.

Claims 12-13. Canceled.

14. (Previously presented) A security locker as in claim 8 wherein said plurality of openings in one said skin forming said ventilation section are spaced apart and are in-line from the openings of the opposing skin of said ventilation section to restrict viewing into the interior of the locker.

15. (Previously presented) A security locker as in claim 11 wherein said at least one ventilation opening of a panel of a said at least one end wall and side wall is adjacent to the ceiling of the enclosure.

16. (Previously presented) A security locker as in claim 11 wherein there are ventilation openings in the opposing side and end walls at substantially the same height.